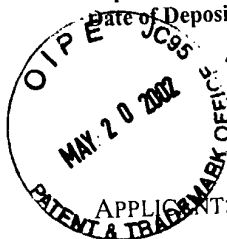


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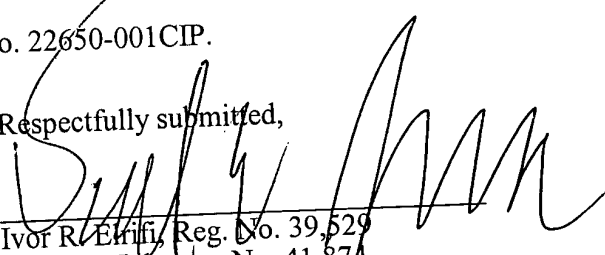
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the November 19, 2001 Office action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before May 20, 2002 (May 19, 2002 being a Sunday). Enclosed is Check #12842 in the amount of \$460.00 to cover the Petition Fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 22650-001 CIP.

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